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SUBJECT: LOPEZ STATE VISIT; DRAFT TEXT OF FAREWELL STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED DRAFT TEXT FOR FAREWELL STATEMENT:
BEGIN QUOTE; MR PRESIDENT, YOUR VISIT HERE HAS BEEN MOST
USEFUL. DURING THESE PAST TWO DAYS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED A WIDE
RANGE OF TOPICS, COVERING NOT ONLY OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS BUT
THE BROADER ISSUES THAT FACE THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THROUGH
THEM, WE HAVE, EACH OF US, OBTAINED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
THE OTHER'S VIEWS AND CONCEPTS, A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE
KIND OF CHALLENGES OUR PEOPLES MUST COPE WITH IN THE DECADE
TO COME, AND A BETTER UNDERSANDING OF EACH OTHER'S FUNDAMENTAL
GOALS. IT IS CLEAR, MR PRESIDENT, THAT WE SHARE THE SAME
BROAD CONCEPTS, THE SAME HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE STRUCTURING
OF A JUST AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ORDER BASED ON THE RULE OF
LAW, SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CONCFLECT
--A WORLD, IN YOUR PHRASE, OF "MUTUAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES".

2. THESE TALKS, PERSON TO PERSON, HAVE ESTABLISHED A BASIS
FOR ON-GOING PERSONAL CONTACT AND CONSULTATIONS WHICH I AM
SURE WILL CONTRIBUTE MARKEDLY TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TO
THE BUILDING OF THAT PEACEFUL JUST WORLD WE ALL DESIRE.
ABOVE AL, YOUR VISIT HAS DEEPENDED THE HISTORIC FREINDSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND ESTABLISHED A STRONG FOUNDATION
OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOUNDED ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY.

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3. WHEN YOU ARRIVED, I SAID THAT I WAS CONVINCED THAT COLOMBIA

HAD A UNIQUE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN THE GLOBAL
DIALOGUE. AS YOU DEPART, I MUST SAY THAT THAT CONVICTION HAS
DEEPENED STILL FURTHER. YOURS IS A COUNTRY, MR PRESIDENT,
WHICH HAS SET ABOUT MEETING ITS AGENDA OF NEEDS WITH A VIGOR
AND PURPOSE THAT ALL THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE RECOGNIZE
AND ADMIRE. YOUR IS A NATION WHOSE VOICE, TEMPERED BUT FIRM,
COOL YET PASSIONATE, IS RESPECTED IN THE COUNCILS OF NATIONS OF
THIS HEMISPHERE AND OUTSIDE IT. AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU,
MR PRESIDENT, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HEED THAT VOICE.
IN THE DRAMATIC METAPHOR OF RUBEN DARIO, THE AMERICAN EAGLE
KNOWS THT THE MIGHTY ANDEAN CONDOR EXISTS. AND I CAN THINK
OF NO BETTER NOTE WITH WHICH TO WISH YOU GOD-SPEED, AS YOU RETURN
TO YOUR HOMELAND, THAN TO QUOTE THE EXHORTATION TO US OF THAT
GREAT POET
INNER QUOTE: EAGLE, THE CONDOR EXISTS.HE IS YOUR BROTHER IN
THE GREAT HEIGHTS.
THE ANDES KNOW HIM AND KNOW, THAT LIKE YOU, HE
GAZES AT THE SUN.
MAY THIS GRAND UNION HAVE NO END. SAYS THE
POET.
AND MAY BOTH JOIN TOGETHER, IN RICHNESS, PEACE
AND VIGOR. END INNER QUOTE
END QUOTE.
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